STATE OF CALIFORNIA THE RESOURCES AGENCY CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 09-16

WEST SACRAMENTO PROJECT ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVE THE WEST SACRAMENTO SOUTH REACH LEVEE REPAIR PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Reclamation Board, predecessor of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) authorized the Sacramento Metropolitan Area Flood Control Project in 1992 for improvements to flood protection for the area in Yolo County that is currently the City of West Sacramento and includes the Yolo Bypass east levee; and

WHEREAS, in response to damages incurred to the Yolo Bypass east levee during the 1997 flood, the levee was repaired under the authority of P. L. 84-99; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo Bypass east levee was damaged again during the December 2005 and January 2006 flood events; and

WHEREAS, the Corps has determined that 1,500 feet along the waterside embankment of the Yolo Bypass south reach levee needs to be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the Corps and the Board circulated a draft Environmental Assessment/Initial Study with a draft Finding of No Significant Impact and Mitigated Negative Declaration for a 30-day agency and public review beginning on March 24, 2009;

WHEREAS, no comments were received from any agency or from the public but minor changes have been made to the text of the EA/IS in regard to a more detailed discussion about HRTW and climate change in response to internal comments; and

WHEREAS, The Board has reviewed the information in the EA/IS and in the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds that based on the whole record there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the Board's independent judgment and analysis, and that the Board

Adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration

Approves the Project

Approves the Mitigation Monitoring Plan

By:	Date:
Benjamin F. Carter	
President	
By:	Date:
Maureen Doherty	

MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN WEST SACRAMENTO PROJECT SOUTH REACH LEVEE REPAIR PROJECT

The Environmental Assessment/Initial Study recognizes potentially significant impacts requiring mitigation:

Adverse impacts to air quality will be mitigated by requiring the construction contractor to adhere to construction measures described in the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study and the Mitigated Negative Declaration that will be included in the Plans and Specifications for the Project prepared by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

Adverse impacts to Giant gartersnake will be mitigated by implementing conservation measures approved by US Fish and Wildlife Service as described in the EA/IS and MND. The Corp is responsible for ensuring the implementation of these measures during construction.

Adverse impacts to Swainson's hawk and burrowing owls will be avoided. The Corps is responsible for conducting surveys and implementing mitigation measures in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game during construction, should nests be found in the vicinity as described in the EA/IS and MND.

Adverse impacts to erosion will be mitigated by implementing Best Management Practices described in the EA/IS and MND that will be included in the Plans and Specification for the Project.